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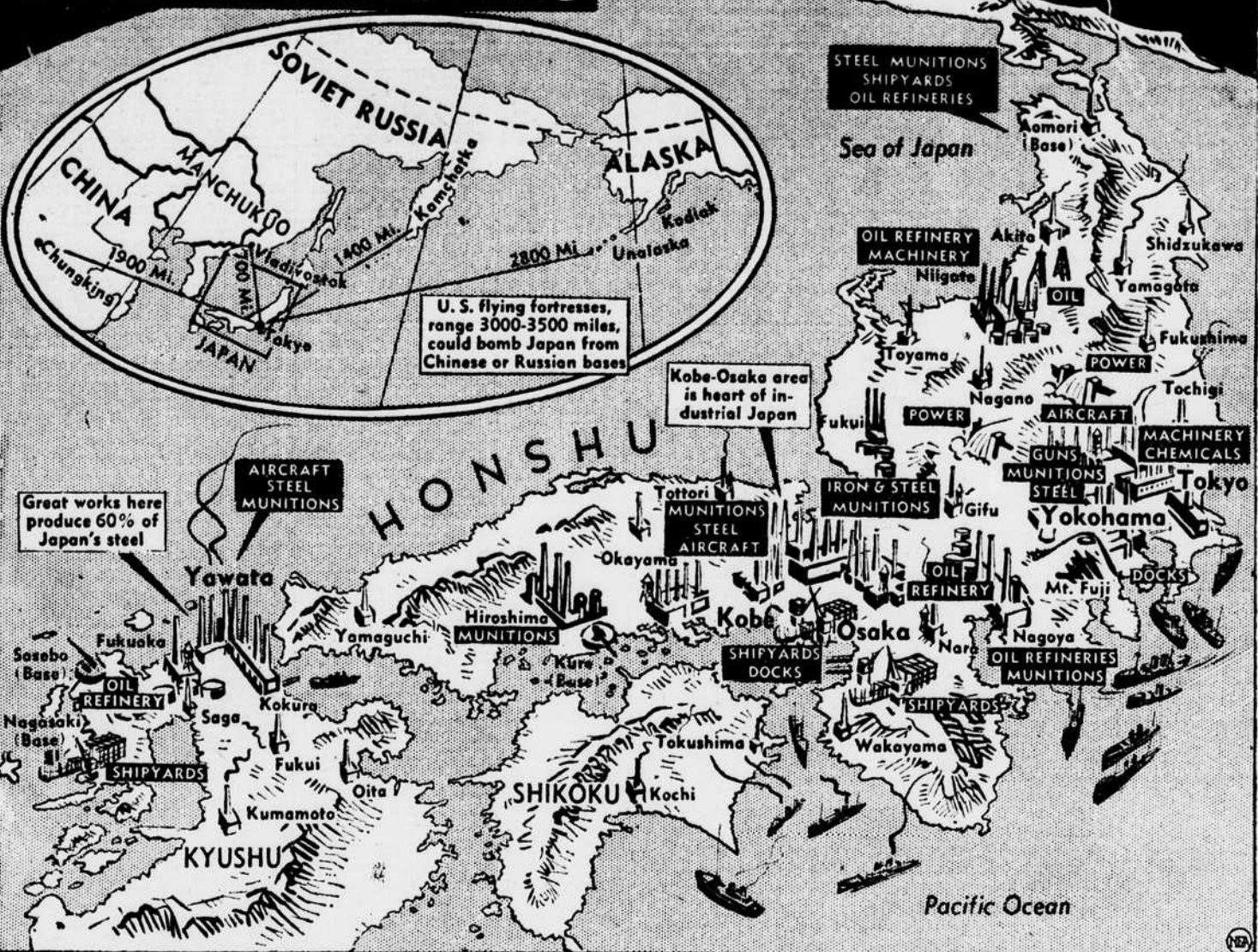
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Japanese Mass Forces For Supreme Effort To Blast General MacArthur's Troops Out Of Philippines

ENEMY'S INDUSTRIES



Concentrated into an area little larger than New England are most of the war industries of Japan. They are hard for allied bombers to reach, but once hit are highly vulnerable to mass destruction.

U. S. Ships Patrol Pacific To Drive Out Jap Submarines

JAPANESE PUSH BRITISH BACK

Line Nearer Singapore, But English Bombers Prove More Effective

Singapore, Jan. 10.—(UP)—British forces had fallen back farther toward Singapore before invading Japanese hordes today, but the defenders' bombers were striking the hardest blows of the war, attacking two points in Thailand, one far to the north of their lines.

A general headquarters communiqué said imperial forces had withdrawn in the Slim river area. That left the locale of the front. It could be maintained by either side in the fighting peculiar to the Malay jungle-in doubt.

The Slim river is on the west side of Malaya, 50 miles north of Kuala Lumpur, strategically important capital of the Federated Malay States and 250 miles north-west of Singapore.

Bombers of the far eastern command struck at Singora and Sungai Patani, both in eastern Thailand, just across the border, and a Japanese-coupled Ipoh in the northernmost Malay States.

Of fighting on the peninsula, the communiqué said:

"Details of fighting in the Slim river area reported in yesterday's communiqué are still incomplete. Available information confirms the severity of engagements during which British forces were withdrawn further southwards. On other Malayan fronts, there is nothing to report."

There was no indication how far the British had withdrawn. The Slim river is 50 miles north of Kuala Lumpur, strategic capital of the Federated Malay States, and 250 miles northwest of Singapore.

"At Singora, bombs were dropped on a shipping and railway junction and military buildings, where large fires were started," the communiqué said. "This was still burning when later planes reached the target. It is thought that considerable damage was done to military stores."

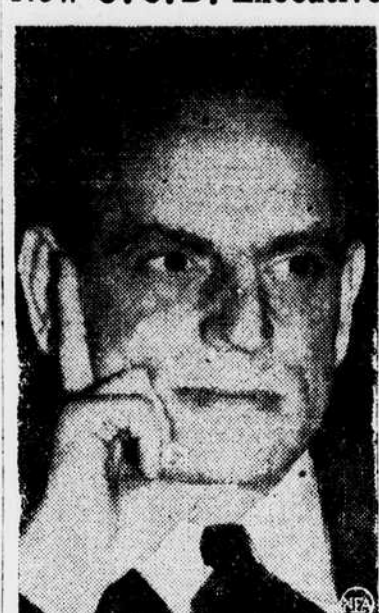
"An enemy plane intercepted by our fighters over Singapore Island this morning was shot down over Johore."

"During the last 24 hours, there have been two alerts, at Singapore, but no bombs were dropped."

One of the far eastern command carried out extensive attacks against enemy targets this morning. At Sungai Patani (across the Thai border) several large fires were started, followed by a series of explosions.

"Our planes attacked Ipoh aerodromes, dropping a number of bombs on a runway and started

New O. C. D. Executive



Dean James M. Landis, above, of the Harvard Law School, will become \$10,000-a-year "Executive" of the Office of Civilian Defense in Washington. Administration of the O. C. D. will be split between Dean Landis and Mayor LaGuardia, who continues as the agency's unpaid "Director."

SALARY TAX IS NOW PROPOSED

Income Tax Exemptions May Also Be Lowered to Raise War Revenue

BY JAMES SHEPLEY
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Jan. 10.—(UP)—Treasury and congressional tax leaders are considering a 15 per cent salary withholding tax and reduction of personal income tax exemptions to \$500 for single persons and \$1,000 for married couples as a base for the \$9,000,000,000 war revenue program, informed sources said today.

In simple figures enactment of the combined income and social security tax proposals that have been tentatively advanced would take nearly 14 per cent of the gross income of a family of two earning \$2,000 a year—a deduction of about \$280 from the family's take-home pay.

There is nothing certain about any tax proposal at this point. The treasury will not send its recommendations to the House Ways and Means committee before Jan. 20.

However, among the possibilities discussed at yesterday's conference among Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, and Chairman Robert L. Doughton, D., N. C., of the House Ways and Means committee, and Walter P. George, D., Ga., of the Senate Finance committee, were these:

1. A 15 per cent withholding tax on individual incomes. This would be collected at the source from the salary or wages of any person earning enough to make him subject to income taxation. It would be computed on income earned in excess of personal exemptions, and deducted from each of the wage earner's checks during the year. It would start soon after enactment, perhaps some time around June of this year, and would be levied in addition to regular income taxes.

The treasury estimated it might yield \$5,000,000,000.

2. Reduction of individual income tax exemptions from \$750 for single persons to \$500, and from \$1,000 for married couples to \$750. This would immediately add \$300 to every married man's taxable income regardless of what he earns and \$250 to a single person's tax liability. Presumably the present \$400 exemption for each dependent would be continued.

3. Large increases in excise taxes on all articles that require materials.

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News From Americans in
Beleaguered Philippines
Terse, Scarce

CEBU MAY BECOME
AMERICAN STRONGHOLD

Navy Active in Suppress-
ing All Sub Activities
in Pacific

BY HARRISON SALISBURY
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, January 10.—(UP)—The battle of the Pacific entered a critical phase today with massive Japanese forces poised to smash at General Douglas MacArthur's men and American naval forces foaming across broad ocean ranges to blast Japanese submarines from the Pacific coast westward to Hawaii.

The unfolding Japanese offensive, striking on a front of thousands of miles, had all but engulfed the Philippines; brought a grave threat to the key bastion of Singapore and threatened at any moment to open a campaign for the Dutch East Indies.

An American freighter was lost in the Dutch Indies but whether it was bringing in reinforcements, carrying out rubber, or neither, was not revealed.

Wait For Flash
Naval telegraphers manned the wireless channels to the Philippines, waiting at any hour for a flash that Japan's huge Philippines force have hurled themselves against MacArthur's defenses in Bataan Province and Corregidor Fortress.

News from MacArthur was growing more and more scarce.

For two days only a single terse communiqué has been issued by the War department instead of the customary two a day. These reports reveal little except that Japan continues to mass and re-group troops in preparation for the big attack.

Japs Are Silent
Japanese propagandists were almost equally silent beyond boasts that MacArthur has now "lost all possibility of fleeing" and that the remnants of the 31st American division will find Japanese forces barring the way to escape from Bataan and Corregidor.

An indication that American positions may be maintained—at least temporarily—in the Philippines, even if the Japanese blast MacArthur out, was seen in a report by the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) reported that wireless contact has been established with the large island of Cebu, a central island in the Philippines group midway between Luzon, on which Manila is located, and Mindanao, where the Japanese have their second chief stronghold of Davao.

The Japanese, it appears, have not yet extended their control to

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Court Fight Against Parking Meters Set Down For January 27

Atty John Cassidy to Re-
new Campaign in Com-
mon Pleas Court

Atty. John H. Cassidy, champion of the anti-parking-meter cause, will marshal his legal might in an assault against the city of Waterbury's right to maintain the devices next January 27, in common pleas court.

The local attorney, who is bringing the action against the city through Atty. Lawrence L. Lewis, has claimed the case for court trial on that date. In all probability, Judge John F. McDonough, who last January 13 granted the order demanding that the city show cause why it should not be enjoined from installing the meters, will preside.

Mr. Cassidy has persistently maintained that the meters are a "nuisance" and a "hazard," and that the city has joined with M. H. Rhodes, Inc., manufacturers of the penny-collecting contraptions, for mutual profit at "the expense of property owners and citizens through demanding from certain users of the highways moneys for the use thereof."

He has charged that on Dec. 9, 1940, agents of the city dug holes in sidewalks fronting on his property with the intention of erecting meter posts. The dimensions of the posts, he alleges, are sufficiently large to create a hazard and a danger to persons using the walks, and, in addition, the action of the city in installing them constituted trespass on his property.

Finally, Mr. Cassidy demanded that the court order the city to pay him rental for the use of the sidewalks and streets adjoining his premises, and proposed that rent be calculated upon a percentage basis of the meters "take."

In a detailed notice filed last May, the protagonist of free parking listed twenty questions, in which he queried the city what disposition was made of funds collected in meters, their location throughout the city, persons engaged in maintain-

PROPERTY ON SO. MAIN SOLD

Max Bram Reported Pur-
chasing Bradley O'Hara
Site

Negotiations for the sale of the Bradley-O'Hara property on South Main street to Max Bram, local merchant, have been almost completed, it was reported today. The building on the property was badly damaged in a fire Nov. 23, the same blaze destroying an adjacent building housing the Rose Shop, owned by Mr. Bram.

The sale price for the property is between \$40,000 and \$45,000.

Demolition of the Rose Shop building has been completed and construction of a new building has been started. It is understood that building plans will now be altered and the Mr. Bram will erect a large business building on the two pieces of land, the structure running from South Main street through to Brook street.

The building owned by the Bradley and O'Hara families was known in earlier years as the Houlahan building and was a familiar downtown landmark.

The fire which hit the Rose Shop and Bradley-O'Hara buildings did damage estimated at more than \$75,000. Several firemen were hurt battling the blaze, which for a time threatened several other buildings nearby.

MANUFACTURERS STATE 'APATHETIC'

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 10.—(UP)—U. S. Employment Service Director Leonard J. Maloney today charged Connecticut manufacturers were "apathetic" about hiring women in defense industries, a move which he said was inevitable in the near future.

"Many of the manufacturers," Maloney said in a statement, "do not seem to be aware of the fact that the employment of women will be a necessity in the near future. The United States employment service and the state board of education have striven for months to fill vacancies in defense training courses with women but we have found manufacturers unwilling to accept them for employment."

"At least six classes have been organized for training women in war work but because of the apathy of employers the number has now been reduced to two—Bridgeport and Hartford."

Maloney said army needs soon would lead to a shortage of males in defense plants and added that the "only solution" was the hiring of women. He said a special committee of the state defense council now was working on plans to stimulate registration of women for war work.

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CONGRESS BATTLE TO BE INTENSIFIED

Three Candidates to Start
Busy Campaigns in Next
Ten Days

Appeals to a voting public which thus far has been apathetic will be intensified through the last 10 days of the congressional campaign by the three candidates. Radio speeches, platform addresses and personal appearances by the dozen have been arranged for John S. Monaghan, Democrat, Joseph E. Talbot, Republican, and Edward J. Ryan, American Progressive. Each seeks the seat to which ex-Congressman J. Joseph Smith, now a federal judge, was elected four times.

Considerable week-end activity on behalf of the three candidates is planned. Radio addresses for each of the trio were made last night.

Present indications point to the lowest congressional vote that the fifth district has seen in years. The weather may play an important role January 20, with snow or very cold conditions working to the advantage of Mr. Monaghan, since his heaviest vote will come from Waterbury and other urban areas.

Mr. Monaghan last night addressed a meeting of the Democratic town committee. Later he conferred with party leaders on campaign plans for the "bedroom stretch". A speech for his candidacy was made by Mayor Vincent A. Scully.

Mr. Talbot spoke at a meeting of the Italian Republican League at The Elton and also at a meeting of New Haven County Young Republicans at Cheshire. He made several broadcasts during the day.

Mr. Ryan opened his radio campaign last night with an address over station WATR in which he charged that the two major party candidates are dominated by political bosses.

Up to now it has been a campaign almost entirely devoid of issues. All the candidates have pledged full support to the war effort. On domestic policies Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Talbot have confined themselves mainly to generalities. They have refused to become engaged in controversy with Mr. Ryan, who advocates increased pay for soldiers and sailors, improvement of the defense effort and federal pensions of \$60 a month for the aged.

The fifth district was "normally" Republican until 1930 when it was carried by Judge Smith. He was elected for three subsequent terms.

GERMAN SEAMEN TO FACE COURT

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 10.—(UP)—Capt. Ernst R. Heitzman, four officers and five seamen of the seized German tanker Pauline Friederich were confined today to East Cambridge jail after being transferred from a federal institution in Danbury, Conn., to face trial on sabotage charges.

Brought here last night, the Germans will go on trial in U. S. district court in Boston next week charged with deliberately damaging their vessel before coast guards seized it as an interned ship last March. They are under \$450,000 bail.

Triplets Expected By Buckmayrs

FRANCIA, N. H., Jan. 10.—(UP)—Mrs. Sigfried Buckmayr, English wife of the Austrian ski expert who is detained as an enemy alien, said today she expects to give birth to triplets about two weeks hence.

Mrs. Buckmayr said she based her prediction on information given her by medical authorities.

She is the former Mary Banbury, sister of Lord Banbury. Her husband has been at the East Boston Detention station since shortly after the United States declared war. Federal authorities said evidence in his case would be sent to U. S. Atty.-Gen. Francis H. Biddle for a decision.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckmayr were married last March.

GODFREY DIFFERS OVER POPULATION

Believes State Health Dept
Estimate of 99,314 Is
"Woefully Low"

The state health department's estimate that Waterbury's population will be only 99,314 on July 1, 1942, is "woefully low", in the opinion of Dr. Edward J. Godfrey, city health officer. Dr. Godfrey declared today that figures in his office show the city's present population to be over 103,000 and there is reason to believe that the total will be over 104,000 by next summer.

Concurring generally with Dr. Godfrey's opinion is Frank J. Green, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Several months ago, he said Mr. Green, "I told federal representatives, during a discussion on the need for a pipe line grant, that our population was close to 103,000. I believe that was an accurate figure."

The state health department's estimated figure is identical with the 1940 federal census total for Waterbury. The department's explanation was that in cases like Waterbury's, where a decline from the 1930 figures was shown, the 1940 total was left unchanged.

Says Dr. Godfrey:

"There is no question about a large increase in Waterbury's population. Not only have we had an increase in our birth rate and a decline in our death rate over the past several years, but we have had a pronounced influx of people from out of town because of the all-out defense effort. The state figures are woefully low, and I would not be at all surprised if my own are too conservative."

The federal census of 1930 gave Waterbury a population of 99,902. That of 1940 gave a total of 99,314. Both totals were a subject of dispute, several business leaders claiming that they were inaccurate.

RUSSIAN DRIVE SO FEROCIOUS Hitler Rushes Rein- forcements to Save Men

BY HENRY SHAPIRO
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Kuibyshev, Russia, Jan. 10.—(UP)—A Russian war communiqué said today that the Germans were starting to surrender in mass on the eastern front.

"This testifies to the growing demoralization of the fascist armies," the communiqué said.

Adolf Hitler was reported by the army newspaper Red Star to be flying reinforcements from western Europe to the Moscow front in a desperate attempt to save hundreds of thousands of his finest troops from encirclement and annihilation.

Russian shock troops were attacking the Germans mercilessly on an 1,100 mile front from Leningrad to the Black Sea and the air force extended its operations to the Latvian and Lithuanian borders, more than 300 miles to the west, to blast railroad, bringing reinforcements to the hard-pressed Germans.

To bomb the railroad which extends westward into Latvia and Lithuania from Rzhnev, 135 miles northwest of Moscow, big Russian bombing planes were operating up to 600 miles from their bases.

Pilots specially trained in blind flying were lighting through raging blizzards over western Russia to dive bomb railroads, and stations and Red Star said they had disrupted traffic on several lines.

Reports from the front said masses of reserves were arriving and Russian striking power was increasing like a rolling snowball.

It was asserted that shock forces were pressing the German so hard on the Moscow front that strong Nazi rear guards were unable to disengage themselves from the main German forces or to break contact with the Russians.

At the extremities of the front, Leningrad in the north and the Crimea in the south, the Russians were advancing all along the line. Dispatches said that in the Tikhvin sector of the Leningrad front the Germans were trying to make a stand in defenses built last August and that in the Crimea, as the official Communist newspaper Pravda said, "The Red army advances victoriously along the entire front."

The Germans are in full flight, leaving masses of equipment behind."

On the Moscow front the pick of the German army was threatened with annihilation by a gigantic pincer movement which extended over the 150-mile front between Staritsa and Moscow.

GESTAPO ORDERED TO WATCH GOERING

Hitler's Attitude Towards
Official Heir Reported
Changing

London, January 10.—(UP)—Radio Moscow, quoting Turkish sources, reported today that Adolf Hitler had ordered the Gestapo, the secret police, to "increase" its watch on Field Marshal Hermann Goering, Nazi No. 2 and Hitler's official heir.

The Moscow broadcast, recorded by the Exchange Telegraph here, asserted that the Gestapo had learned recently that Goering had conferred with some army leaders.

A Swiss announcer was quoted as saying that Hitler's attitude toward Goering had become "worse" especially since the dismissal of Field Marshal Walther Von Braunschweig as commander in chief of the German army.

Hitler was quoted as having remarked unfavorably regarding activities of the German air force on the Russian front and on air force leadership.

Goering himself is leader of the air force as air minister and commander in chief.

There had been previous reports that relations between Goering and Hitler were strained.

Any suspicion that Goering was conferring too much with army leaders, as such, might be taken seriously if reports were true of disaffection in the leadership.

Goering has always been regarded as the one Nazi party leader who was close to the army, while jealousies have been reported frequently between army leaders and ambitious party men, especially storm troops and "ss" troop leaders.

RELIEF LOAD IN DECEMBER LOW

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 10.—(UP)—State Welfare Commissioner Robert J. Smith reported today the relief load in Connecticut's five largest cities during December was 50.3 per cent less than in December, 1941.

Obligations during the month dropped 39.9 per cent over a year ago, Smith said.

The largest decrease in relief cases was reported at New Britain where the percentage decrease was 59.4. Waterbury was 44 per cent less, New Haven, 51 per cent, Hartford, 50 per cent, and Bridgeport, 49.7 per cent.

BEDLAM REIGNS IN WEST MALAYA

British Troops Battle Hand
to Hand With Advanc-
ing Jap Hordes

BY HAROLD GUARD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the British Forces on the West Malaya Front Jan. 9.—(Delayed)—(UP)—The West Malaya front has turned into an infernal cauldron in which countless Empire and Japanese troops fight hand to hand, individually, in small groups, and in organized battles, immediately north of Kuala Lumpur, 200 miles from Singapore.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya's second city, the capital of the federated Malaya states, has been thrown open for the Imperial troops and the few remaining natives to take what they need from the deserted shops.

As far as military meaning goes, there has ceased to be a front, fighting is proceeding in a triangular area, 30 miles wide at its base to the north, bounded by the coast at Port Swettenham, 20 miles southwest of Kuala Lumpur, and the road leading up to Tanjong Malim, 40 miles north of Kuala Lumpur.

It is a battle of independent commands. Some Imperial troops are facing north, some west, some east, some actually south, in a gallant stand in which their hope is to slow a Japanese advance they have not been able to stop.

The Empire and Japanese troops are fighting along the main railroad, along roads and jungle trails, in the thick grass where mosquitoes and venomous snakes are enemies of both. In the streets and homes of villages, on bridges and through the swamps and crocodile infested streams.

Sometimes they are fighting in the burning tropic sun, sometimes in the frequent tropical showers with the rain coming down as if dumped

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MAN KILLED ON GRADE CROSSING

Everett, Mass., Jan. 10.—(UP)—Joseph Leo Walsh, 26, of Everett, Boston Navy Yard employee, was killed instantly today when his automobile was demolished by a Boston & Maine railroad train at the second street crossing.

Police said Walsh, enroute to work, apparently attempted to stop his car but that it slid on the ice road and crashed through the crossing gates.

Gate tender Leon Bromley of Boston shouted for him to jump but the Portland-Boston express tossed the car 25 feet through Bromley's shack and hurled Walsh about 164 feet along the track.

DUMB BELLS

